

**It Matters
to Arkansas**

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The Voter's Choice 2000

A Review of the Year's Activities and
Developments in Voter Registration



The extraordinary events following the November 7, 2000 election gripped our nation and caused an intense civics education about democracy. Never before have people been so interested in the election process. I embrace this opportunity for election reform and I hope the level of interest in elections will continue.

The Voters Choice 2000 profiles the advances in technology, the exuberance of youth voter outreach, and the emphasis on voter education attained in Arkansas.

Talk Back...Vote is in its second year, serving as a model project to encourage youth participation in voting. It matters to students that they hear from the candidates.

It matters to Arkansas that eligible citizens are registered to vote. It matters to Arkansas that voter registration records are accurate. And it matters to Arkansas that young people are afforded every opportunity to learn and understand civic responsibility.

Let us share the goal of increasing opportunities for Arkansas to become more involved in election process.

It matters to Arkansas that we put democracy into action and vote.

Sharon Priest

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2000 Profile...

It Matters to Arkansas

It matters to Arkansas that every eligible citizen is registered to vote. The events leading up to the November General Election prompted the usual pre-election activity: accelerated voter education and voter registration drives. Secretary Priest and the Secretary of State's Voter Services department reached out to local high schools, colleges, and technical schools to target the largest group of non-voters: 18-24 year olds. The Secretary of State's office also reached out to community groups, senior citizen groups, and others to define the responsibility we have to VOTE our choices.

And then the election that lasted forever...

All events surrounding elections **matter to Arkansas**. But the events following the 2000 General Election prompted nearly everyone to look for election reform. Secretary Priest, as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), called together a bi-partisan elections standards task force to examine election problems and to propose viable solutions to be used as a guide during the next election cycle.

The national task force members met for two full days in January 2001. Reform topics included: motor voter procedures, uniform polling place hours, voting technologies, standardized ballots, voter accessibility & education efforts, federal funding for voting system upgrades and other statewide measures, guidelines for state election administrators, and recount procedures. After a comprehensive review and analysis, a Resolution was adopted which provides the framework for working with the federal government and our own state for meaningful reform.

"Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand."

George Eliot

Strides in voter education, voter participation and election reform appear to be the focus of the year 2000. **It matters to Arkansas** that each of these areas is addressed. The year 2000 brought the opportunity for every American citizen to see the complexity of the election process and look for ways to make it better.

"Do, or do not. There is no 'try'."

Yoda

The Empire Strikes Back

Technology...

It Matters to Arkansans

It matters to Arkansas that voter registration records are accurate. And Arkansas remains one of the few states in the country with a statewide voter "system." Though each county maintains its own voter registration rolls, the statewide computer system provides uniformity throughout. The Secretary of State provides quality technical support for each county through a Help Desk that can quickly resolve problems as they occur. Quarterly reviews of the system afford the Secretary of State ways to identify technological areas needing improvement. All 75 counties were upgraded to Windows 98 in early 2000, with plans underway to make the move to Windows 2000 in the spring of 2001.

Regional training was offered to county clerks in August to teach them how to clean up block ranges/precinct splits and how to reassign county districts. The classes also explained how to use the software program in printing poll books, recording votes, producing reports, and other election related issues.

Each county clerk is able to provide a variety of information to the public in electronic formats. The clerks are able to export voter reports based on items such as participating voters, age range, precinct, zip code, or voting district. The Secretary of State is able to export similar data for the entire state to requesting individuals on a CD or Zip disk.

Every county clerk in Arkansas can communicate via e-mail and has access to the Internet, thanks to the efforts of Secretary Priest. This useful tool not only allows the Secretary of State to better communicate with each county, but also gives Arkansas counties the ability to communicate with each other. By using this Internet tool, the door was opened to enable election night reporting for the November General Election, statewide. County clerks reported their results directly in a secure web page form that sent the results to a public site on the web.

So, for the first time ever the State of Arkansas had election results, as reported, "live" on the web. The entire project required the efforts of many people. SOS Voter Services partnered with Information Network of Arkansas, designers of the program, to make it happen. The program quickly totaled the results from each county providing eager result seekers instant gratification.

As a result of the election night reporting effort, the Secretary of State received final vote certification from the counties in record time. The General Election results, along with prior election results, are available for download from the Secretary of State's website at www.sosweb.state.ar.us.

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

VOTER OUTREACH...

It Matters to ARKANSAS

It matters to Arkansas that young people are afforded every opportunity to learn and understand civic responsibility. Our **Talk Back...Vote** project originated in 1999, but came alive in 2000. A powerful presentation was given by Secretary of State's Voter Services to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) conference in Washington D.C. in February 2000. The response was tremendous, as this straightforward approach to why our 18 to 24 year olds aren't voting gives both reasons and solutions to the problem. This program has reached many potential young voters in Arkansas, and empowers Secretary Priest to reach out to our young people and explain the importance of voting and civic responsibilities.

Talk Back...to the Candidates

It matters to Arkansas that voters are better connected to the candidates. And what better way to teach the political process than to invite candidates to school campuses and let young people ask them questions? Secretary Priest did exactly that! In September she hosted "town hall" meetings in each of the four congressional districts in the state, holding a public forum where students, teachers, and anyone interested could ask candidates questions that were important to them, face to face.

Meetings were held at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff, and at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. The following is a comment from a candidate after attending one of the forums:

"Voting is an important form of political participation, of course. But perhaps even more important to our form of government is an informed, interested electorate. Please take the time to understand the issues. Ignorance is a threat to Democracy."

Richard Wang, non-partisan candidate for Jonesboro, AR, City Council

Every candidate participating in the forum expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak directly to young voters as an effort to break through to the largest group of non-voters in the state: 18-24 year olds. It was a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

To take this to the next level, **Talk Back...Vote!** The Website at www.talkbackvote.org invites discussions, opens chats, gives information on how to contact your lawmakers, and links to other informative websites. Secretary Priest hosted an Internet chat room in September to answer questions about registering to vote, voting and the election process.

To show how much **it matters to Arkansas**, Secretary Priest visited high schools, technical schools, and colleges encouraging voter registration and participation in the election process throughout the year. The 2000 Presidential Election afforded unprecedented awareness of voting and elections, both before the election and after. The **Talk Back...Vote!** program gives young voters straightforward information about the election process, and listens to the voices of youth.

2000 Grassroots Efforts...

It Matters to Arkansans

Citizen Initiatives and Referendums

It matters to Arkansans that the process of signature verification is legal, accurate and completed in a timely manner. Because the Secretary of State's office has so professionalized the petition verification process, the sufficiency figures in 2000 were not questioned in court. The process was handled by the CPA firm of Jeffrey, Philips, Mosely & Scott PA in association with Kelly Services and Secretary of State staff members. This experienced auditing firm, through detailed audit procedures, painstakingly managed the entire project. As an added bonus, the signature verification results were posted to the Secretary of State's website weekly. Four petitions were filed with the Secretary of State. The Arkansas Supreme Court took one initiative off the ballot because in their opinion the ballot title was misleading. Three initiative petitions were found sufficient and appeared on the ballot.

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

Vincent Van Gogh

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Candidate Filing ...

It Matters to Arkansas

It matters to Arkansas that the candidate filing process is efficient and convenient. On the first day of filing in March, at least one party candidate appeared as early as 5:00 am in hopes of being the first filer at the noon opening. For the first time digital photographs were taken of each candidate as they filed and were posted almost immediately on the Secretary of State's website along with candidate information. This year there were only two official political party designations under which candidates could file. The Reform Party lost its party status when it did not garner enough votes in the 1998 general election. A total of 208 Democrats and 85 Republicans candidates filed for state, district and federal positions on the May 23, 2000, Preferential Primary Election ballot in Arkansas.

Later, eight Independent candidates filed petitions of nomination to appear on the General Election ballot in November, along with four write-in candidates.

Presidential Reform Party Candidate controversy

An unprecedented event for the state occurred in September when the seven constitutional officers met to select the Reform Party candidate for the Arkansas ballot. At issue was whether the name of Pat Buchanan of Washington, D.C., or John Hagelin of Fairfield, Iowa, would represent the Reform Party in Arkansas. A never-before-used state statute gave the constitutional officers of Arkansas the duty and responsibility of deciding the candidate to represent the Reform Party on the Arkansas ballot in November. This was the result of two conventions held by the Reform Party selecting two different candidates for the Presidential race.

*"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

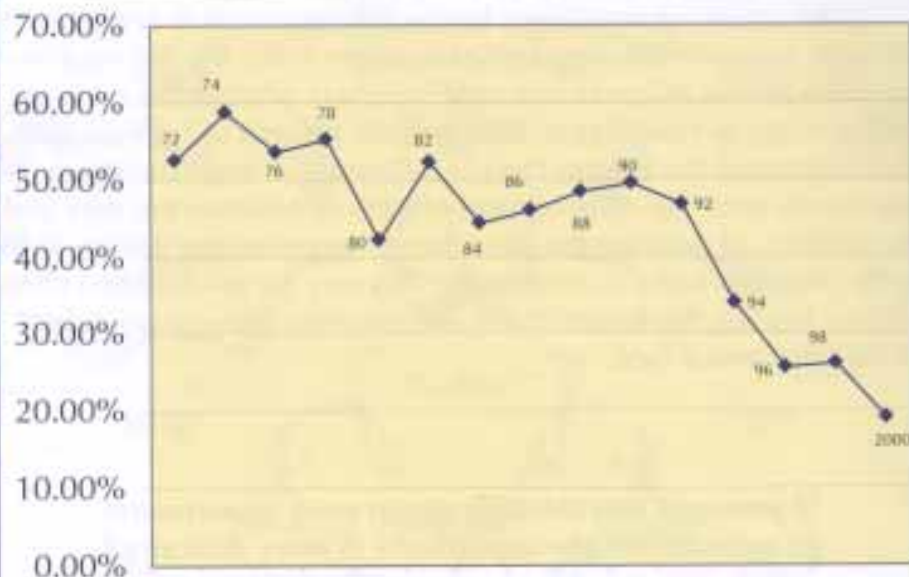
Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

The Primary Election

Registered Voters 4/24/00	Democratic Participating Voters	Republican Participating Voters	Combined Turnout	Overall % Turnout
1,527,453	246,900	44,573	291,473	19.08%

May Primary Voter Turnout Comparisons from 1972

Year	Voter Turnout %	Registered Voters	Turnout	Basis for percentage
1972	52.50%	939,871	493,500	U.S. Senate
1974	58.70%	996,985	585,378	U.S. Senate
1976	53.40%	1,020,533	548,765	Gubernatorial
1978	55.10%	1,047,453	577,870	U.S. Senate
1980	42.10%	1,076,654	453,583	Gubernatorial
1982	52.00%	1,116,082	580,472	Gubernatorial
1984	44.10%	1,159,588	511,361	Gubernatorial
1986	45.90%	1,188,831	543,740	Gubernatorial
1988	48.40%	1,170,107	565,849	Presidential
1990	49.40%	1,171,027	578,123	Gubernatorial
1992	46.80%	1,191,000	557,493	Presidential
1994	33.80%	1,222,840	413,150	Atty Gen+Gov
1996	25.61%	1,282,364	343,203	Presidential
1998	26.02%	1,435,722	373,578	U.S. Senate
2000	19.08%	1,527,453	291,473	Presidential



In accordance with Arkansas law, voters choose the party primary in which they wish to vote, but may vote in only one. In the event of a run-off (General Primary), voters may only vote for the same party selected in the Primary, though any voter not having voted in the Primary would still be eligible to vote in the run-off and then make the party choice. It is not legally required to identify party choice on voter registration records in Arkansas.

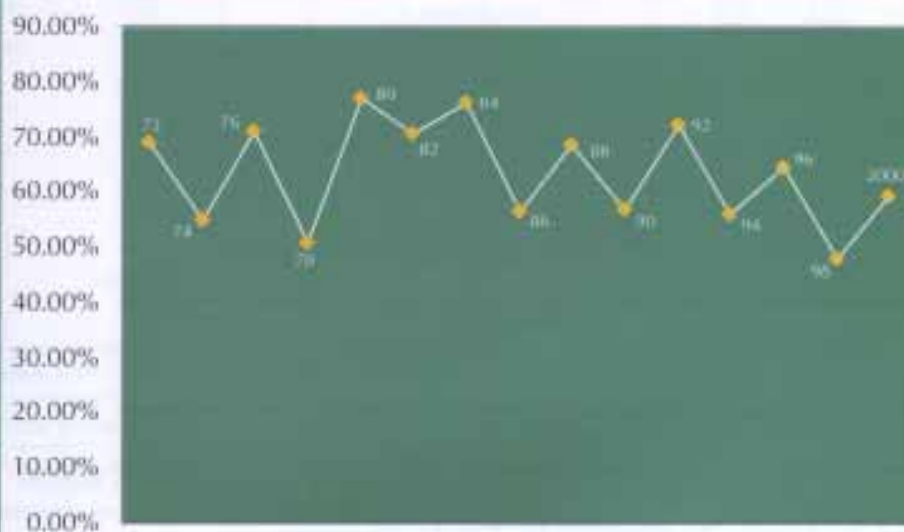
The General Election Presidential Votes

Registered Voters 10/10/00	1,553,356
Votes for Republican Party Candidate	472,940
Votes for Democrat Party Candidate	422,768
Votes for Green Party Candidate	13,421
Votes for Reform Party Candidate	7,358
Votes for Libertarian Party Candidate	2,781
Votes for Constitution Party Candidate	1,415
Votes for Natural Law Party Candidate	1,098
Combined Voters	921,781
Turnout %	59.34%

NOTE: It is not required to identify party choice on voter registration records in Arkansas.

general election voter turnout comparisons from 1972

Year	Voter Turnout %	Registered Voters	Turnout	Basis for percentage
1972	68.90%	939,871	648,069	Gubernatorial
1974	54.70%	996,985	545,947	Gubernatorial
1976	71.20%	1,020,533	726,963	Gubernatorial
1978	51.00%	1,047,453	534,299	Gubernatorial
1980	77.00%	1,076,654	838,926	Gubernatorial
1982	70.70%	1,116,082	789,351	Gubernatorial
1984	76.40%	1,159,588	886,548	Gubernatorial
1986	56.60%	1,227,575	695,487	U.S. Senate
1988	68.60%	1,203,016	827,738	Presidential
1990	57.10%	1,218,525	696,310	Gubernatorial
1992	72.10%	1,317,944	950,653	Presidential
1994	56.20%	1,274,885	719,550	Gubernatorial
1996	64.57%	1,369,459	884,262	Presidential
1998	47.98%	1,471,413	706,011	Gubernatorial
2000	59.34%	1,553,356	921,781	Presidential



Voting Alternatives...

Early Voting and Absentee

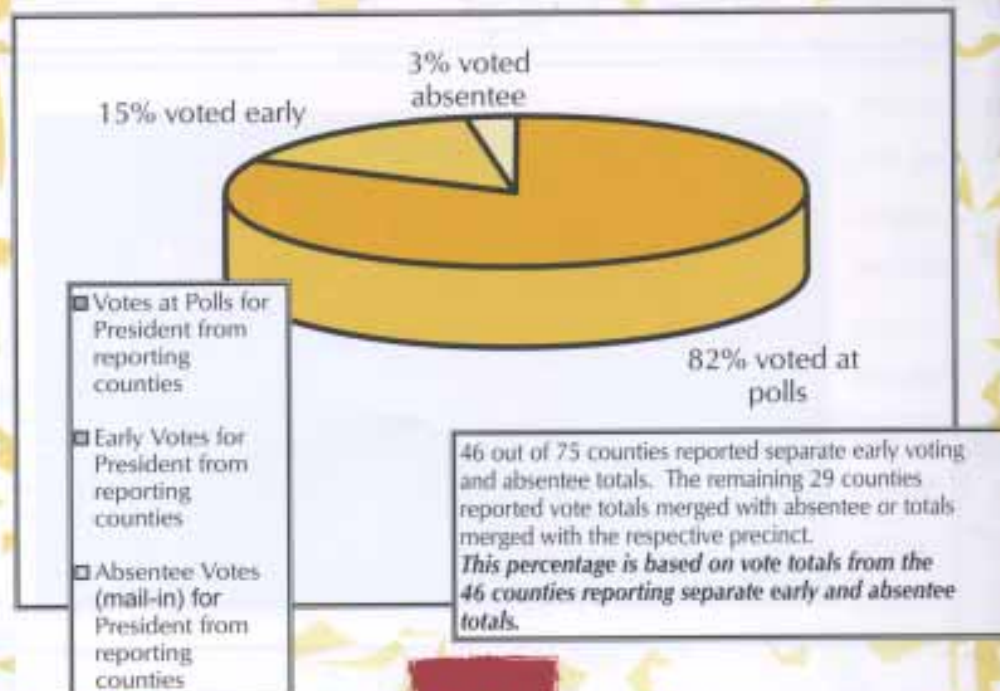
It matters to Arkansas that voting is made as convenient as possible. Arkansas state law allows for early voting to begin 15 days before any election. Early voting is an option in our state where an eligible voter can go to the county courthouse, or in Pulaski County to visit one of 8 satellite locations, and vote early. When a voter goes to an early voting poll, the process is the same as on Election Day.

When a voter chooses to vote absentee, the voter must complete an application for absentee ballot and select one of the following: *You will be unavoidably absent from your polling site on election day (the law does not require you to give a reason), OR You will be unable to attend your polling site on election day due to illness or physical disability.*

The early voting option has shown to be very popular throughout the state. It is a growing option for busy people. Many of the voters voting early are those that usually vote absentee (mail-in). So, election officials are seeing the percentage of voters selecting the early option growing, while the number of voters choosing the absentee method declining.

Early Voting and Absentee Votes General Election 2000

Votes at Polls for President from reporting counties	620326
Early Votes for President from reporting counties	115263
Absentee Votes (mail-in) for President from reporting counties	21303



General Election 2000 Voter Turnout by County Presidential Vote

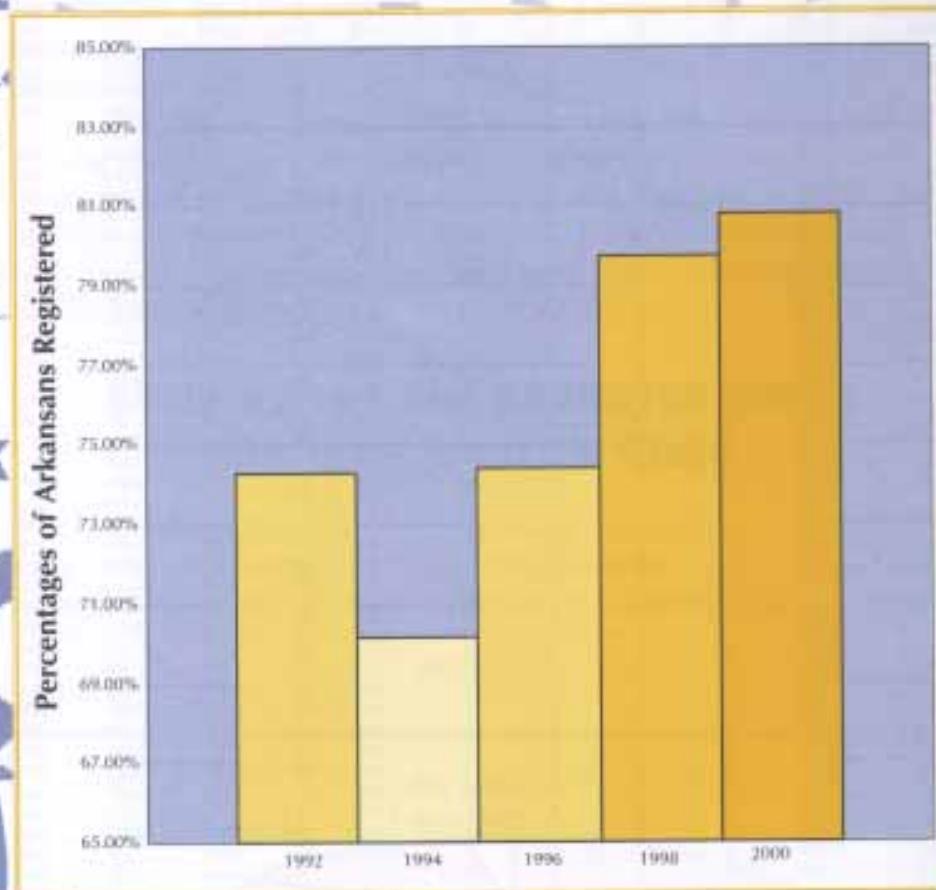
COUNTY	Reg. Voters 10/10/00	Reform Party	Constitution Party	Natural Law Party	Libertarian Party	Democrat Party	Green Party	Republican Party	Combined Turnout	Overall % Turnout
ARMSTRONG	11,410	41	8	9	19	2,877	65	3,353	6,372	56%
BARRE	14,389	51	15	5	10	4,253	61	3,076	6,271	57%
BAXTER	25,381	132	41	10	42	6,516	429	9,538	16,708	66%
BEAUFORT	79,334	368	94	72	175	17,277	862	34,838	53,646	68%
BENSON	21,893	187	21	29	37	4,493	269	8,589	13,635	62%
BIRCHLEY	6,519	19	3	2	0	2,122	34	1,793	3,979	60%
BOLTON	3,844	12	5	1	0	1,017	18	1,128	2,185	57%
CARROLL	13,796	91	14	4	29	3,595	301	5,596	9,590	70%
CHERRY	8,264	22	5	6	7	2,820	26	1,964	4,452	54%
CLARK	13,901	64	8	6	8	4,681	103	3,776	8,636	62%
CLAY	10,282	25	7	2	12	3,527	73	2,294	5,900	57%
COLUMBINE	15,737	116	25	15	18	4,129	183	5,730	10,207	65%
COLUMBUS	5,132	44	4	4	7	1,414	30	1,678	3,181	62%
COLUMBIA	16,612	28	184	5	19	4,003	70	5,018	9,357	60%
CORWY	12,742	78	3	5	23	3,496	84	3,545	7,234	57%
CUMBERLAND	43,403	122	31	9	52	12,376	409	12,158	25,157	58%
CHAMPFORD	27,417	191	24	9	88	6,288	223	10,804	17,625	64%
COTTLEDOWN	26,589	27	3	2	34	7,234	87	5,857	13,234	50%
CRICK	10,790	30	4	4	10	3,096	28	3,893	6,215	58%
CRILL	5,982	16	5	3	4	1,716	21	1,571	3,325	56%
DEER	8,788	21	18	33	6	2,776	38	1,603	4,488	51%
DEWEY	10,363	41	2	5	11	3,000	47	2,796	5,832	57%
FAIRBANKS	43,224	432	39	118	112	11,850	513	18,033	29,216	68%
FRANKLIN	9,709	88	8	4	8	2,874	100	3,277	6,148	63%
FULTON	7,871	27	9	2	7	1,878	51	2,096	4,108	52%
GARLAND	82,075	268	28	32	103	15,840	588	18,098	35,800	58%
GRANT	9,285	74	8	2	21	2,505	86	3,265	6,013	65%
GREENE	21,828	78	14	10	20	6,318	203	5,831	12,484	57%
HEMPSTAD	12,574	23	7	8	9	3,537	50	3,257	7,289	58%
HOCKESS	18,036	147	22	16	25	5,527	202	5,842	10,381	61%
HOWARD	7,395	7	0	5	3	2,663	50	2,326	4,459	60%
INDIANAPOLIS	19,378	78	8	14	32	5,146	171	6,145	11,594	60%
JAMES	6,044	50	6	2	10	2,587	76	2,301	5,032	83%
JACKSON	10,986	46	3	4	11	3,601	77	2,280	6,072	55%
JEFFERSON	48,944	137	28	46	148	17,718	361	8,785	27,201	56%
JEWELL	12,224	88	16	4	19	3,270	109	3,657	7,161	59%
JEFFERSON	5,495	5	3	9	4	1,806	27	1,536	3,383	62%
KANSAS	10,387	47	7	4	14	3,255	87	2,626	6,040	58%
LEE	7,363	14	1	8	4	2,727	18	1,351	4,121	56%
LEWIS	6,949	34	4	2	2	1,957	21	1,526	3,548	61%
LITTLE ROCK	8,727	28	9	3	7	2,883	50	2,283	5,263	60%
LOGAN	13,458	153	16	12	21	3,283	124	4,487	8,096	60%
LONG	28,697	170	14	7	58	8,851	337	10,608	17,943	63%
MACDONALD	5,116	66	10	3	19	2,055	88	3,387	5,628	62%
MARION	10,274	74	47	9	30	2,233	320	3,402	6,015	59%
MILLER	20,931	50	13	16	12	6,278	100	7,275	13,745	66%
MILWAUKEE	26,235	54	8	25	83	7,107	110	5,198	12,588	48%
MONROE	5,828	19	0	2	4	1,910	29	1,329	3,263	66%
MONTGOMERY	5,778	46	11	3	12	1,438	101	2,128	3,739	65%
NEADA	8,360	19	3	3	6	1,867	42	1,796	3,726	60%
NEEDHAM	8,328	52	11	5	13	1,205	112	2,529	3,837	62%
NEVADA	20,381	55	5	2	30	5,464	100	4,739	10,303	51%
NEW	9,778	71	17	75	21	1,648	61	2,114	4,057	59%
PHILIPS	18,803	28	26	6	6	6,018	75	3,154	9,313	60%
PIKE	6,215	34	8	3	4	1,604	45	2,275	3,971	64%
POWELL	13,478	44	8	3	5	4,102	87	2,089	7,235	54%
POWELL	11,534	95	19	8	26	2,515	130	4,600	7,193	62%
RAE	31,919	103	29	6	82	8,889	259	11,244	18,422	58%
RAE	5,619	45	1	1	6	1,563	29	1,862	3,697	62%
RAVEN	229,461	595	77	121	416	88,320	1,750	55,866	127,151	56%
RAVENS	10,240	81	10	6	18	3,018	84	2,673	5,877	57%
RAVENS	48,880	306	45	46	114	12,700	533	18,617	32,391	66%
REDF	7,514	85	9	3	9	1,444	48	2,389	3,981	53%
REDF	6,544	72	25	12	27	1,229	83	2,610	4,058	62%
REDF	64,828	399	37	21	182	15,555	803	23,483	40,159	62%
REDF	7,063	23	1	1	7	2,095	55	2,111	4,293	61%
REDF	11,473	48	14	8	11	3,236	115	3,688	7,126	62%
REDF	17,421	32	2	2	18	4,888	42	3,414	8,498	48%
REDF	7,320	58	6	19	15	2,543	96	2,623	4,660	61%
REDF	35,960	281	102	70	50	8,261	135	8,847	15,609	60%
REDF	11,047	89	13	10	32	3,202	153	3,485	6,884	63%
REDF	79,334	325	51	32	187	21,425	1,256	28,231	51,459	65%
REDF	38,852	260	20	27	86	8,342	243	13,110	22,150	57%
REDF	5,165	21	2	3	9	1,699	19	899	2,601	51%
REDF	10,674	79	9	11	17	3,062	78	3,223	6,479	61%
TOTAL	1,553,356	7,358	1,415	1,888	2,781	422,768	12,421	472,840	921,781	59%

"Happiness is good health and a bad memory."

Ingrid Bergman (1917-1982)

Arkansas Voting Age Population and Registration 1992-2000

Year	% of Arkansans Registered	National Average	Registered Voters	Arkansas VAP
1992	74.29%	70.60%	1,317,944	1,774,000
1994	70.16%	67.64%	1,274,885	1,817,000
1996	74.41%	76.25%	1,393,662	1,873,000
1998	79.72%	70.60%	1,482,811	1,860,127
2000	80.79%	*	1,563,796	1,935,648



A Few Words About Voting Age Population (VAP) In Arkansas

VAP refers to the total number of citizens who are 18 years of age or older regardless of citizenship, military status, felony conviction, or mental state. **The figures used here are from the US Census Bureau, Internet release date: August 30, 2000.** Care should be taken when using VAP figures as a basis for measuring voter participation in elections. The actual number of eligible voters, those that are legally entitled to vote, will always be less than the VAP because of the inclusion of resident aliens, as well as convicted felons (either institutionalized or have not yet had their voting rights restored under state law), persons declared mentally incompetent with regard to voting rights (by court order), or those persons otherwise ineligible to vote. Although these figures are flawed, they are commonly used as denominators in figuring voting age population percentages and comparisons.

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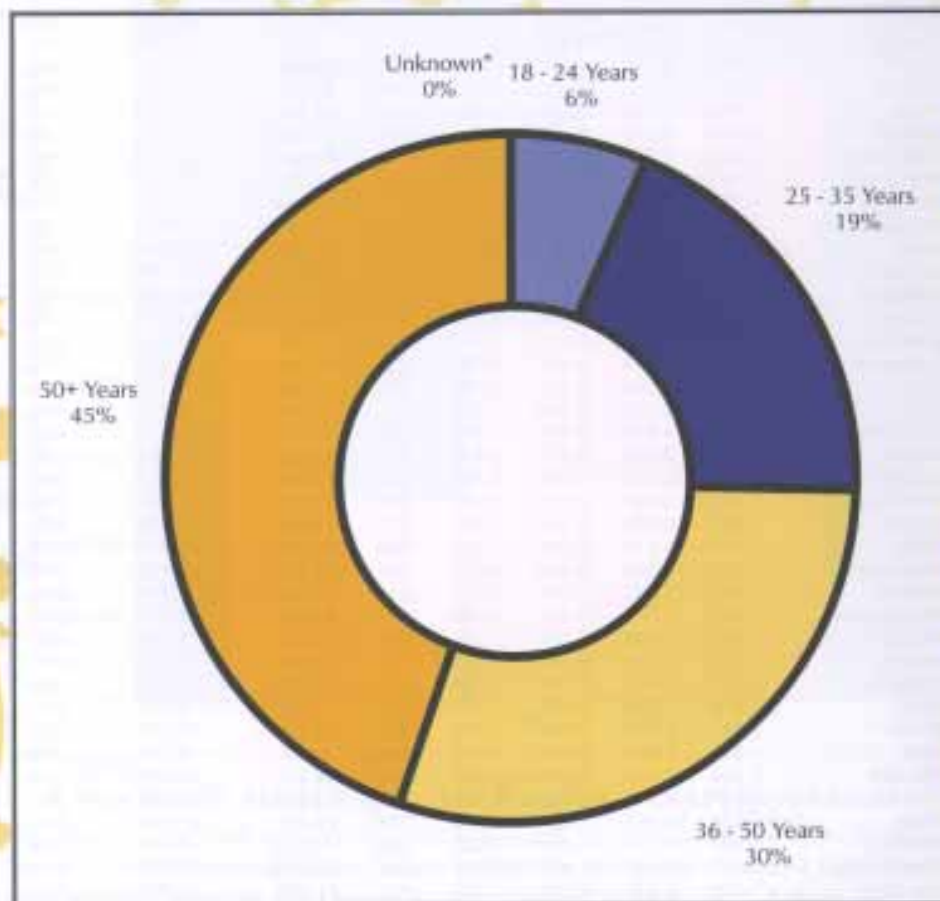
Arkansas VAP and Registration by County 2000

COUNTY	18-24 years old *	25-44 years old *	45-64 years old *	65+ years old *	85+ years old *	Total VAP (18 & older) *	Registered Voters 12/31/00	% of Residents Registered 2000
Arkansas	1,593	5,557	4,690	3,345	540	15,725	11,410	73%
Ashley	2,251	6,399	5,584	3,375	441	18,050	14,522	80%
Baxter	2,075	7,867	9,651	9,980	989	30,562	25,963	85%
Benton	11,903	38,184	32,495	20,636	1,997	105,215	79,334	75%
Boone	2,658	8,331	7,783	5,322	758	24,852	22,105	89%
Bradley	1,027	2,807	2,652	2,015	304	8,805	6,674	76%
Calhoun	523	1,524	1,275	838	130	4,290	3,860	90%
Carroll	1,673	5,980	5,636	3,806	483	17,580	13,798	78%
Chicot	1,513	3,515	3,096	2,301	331	10,756	8,308	77%
Clark	3,706	5,087	4,476	3,375	483	17,127	14,043	82%
Clay	1,330	4,083	4,464	3,314	414	13,605	10,284	76%
Cleburne	1,501	5,430	6,613	4,861	482	18,887	15,982	85%
Cleveland	775	2,264	2,146	1,177	152	6,514	5,134	79%
Columbia	3,020	6,115	5,346	4,000	632	19,113	15,885	83%
Conway	1,625	4,931	4,489	3,701	424	15,170	12,829	85%
Craighead	10,618	22,010	18,846	8,964	1,048	59,686	43,610	73%
Crawford	4,298	14,716	11,667	5,847	720	37,248	27,646	74%
Crittenden	5,268	14,128	10,210	5,089	554	35,249	26,582	75%
Cross	1,813	5,080	4,166	2,524	359	13,942	10,834	78%
Dallas	752	2,345	2,047	1,500	209	6,853	6,061	88%
Desha	1,390	3,839	2,814	2,175	350	10,668	8,959	84%
Drew	2,089	4,747	3,719	2,108	279	12,942	10,537	81%
Faulkner	12,027	23,352	16,041	7,904	1,004	60,328	44,903	74%
Franklin	1,485	4,438	4,013	2,370	364	12,670	9,709	77%
Fulton	737	2,531	2,858	2,447	267	8,838	7,922	90%
Garland	6,101	20,481	20,980	19,267	1,988	68,817	62,559	91%
Grant	1,360	4,545	3,926	1,961	236	12,028	9,349	78%
Greene	3,260	9,862	9,058	5,123	625	27,928	22,198	79%
Hempstead	1,948	5,956	4,938	3,238	480	16,561	12,640	76%
Hot Spring	2,355	7,740	7,081	4,576	511	22,263	18,362	82%
Howard	1,251	3,540	3,046	2,120	317	10,274	7,420	72%
Independence	2,907	9,155	7,783	4,693	607	25,145	19,620	78%
Izard	936	3,101	3,477	2,791	334	10,639	8,044	76%
Jackson	1,292	4,374	4,043	3,630	465	13,804	11,054	80%
Jefferson	9,799	22,162	18,671	10,274	1,341	60,247	48,944	81%
Johnson	2,313	5,515	5,048	3,186	457	16,519	12,327	75%
Latayette	840	2,142	2,013	1,501	242	6,738	5,521	82%
Lawrence	1,582	4,323	4,190	3,040	428	13,563	10,402	77%
Lee	1,332	3,308	2,555	1,789	261	9,245	7,428	80%
Lincoln	1,588	5,000	2,878	1,538	245	11,249	8,969	80%
Little River	1,184	3,434	2,961	1,975	287	9,861	8,939	91%
Logan	1,706	5,436	4,957	3,413	451	15,963	13,451	84%
Lonoke	4,326	15,283	11,649	5,184	642	37,084	28,818	78%
Madison	1,027	3,498	3,220	2,025	265	10,035	9,150	91%
Marion	946	3,500	4,208	3,007	278	11,939	10,495	88%
Miller	3,799	10,812	8,548	5,226	654	29,039	20,934	72%
Mississippi	5,132	13,854	9,443	6,030	655	35,114	26,410	75%
Monroe	833	2,363	2,257	1,650	231	7,334	6,001	82%
Montgomery	635	2,078	2,358	1,706	191	6,968	5,821	84%
Nevada	897	2,632	2,249	1,535	249	7,562	6,248	83%
Newton **	592	2,115	2,080	1,188	131	6,106	6,476	106%
Ouachita	2,217	7,357	6,178	4,726	615	21,093	20,718	98%
Perry	818	2,504	2,454	1,473	181	7,410	6,792	92%
Philips **	2,447	6,368	5,644	3,543	533	18,535	19,017	103%
Pike	834	2,627	2,479	1,817	260	8,017	6,274	78%
Poinsett	2,188	6,455	5,975	3,509	390	18,517	13,536	73%
Polk	1,518	4,750	4,909	3,364	373	14,914	11,655	78%
Pope	6,324	15,081	11,350	5,863	774	39,492	31,919	81%
Prairie	760	2,376	2,214	1,623	189	7,162	5,619	78%
Pulaski	35,047	112,154	71,630	40,849	5,094	264,774	229,517	87%
Randolph	1,402	4,447	4,494	3,099	437	13,879	10,268	74%
Saline	6,561	23,549	18,489	8,834	861	58,294	50,854	87%
Scott	896	2,647	2,785	1,635	210	8,173	7,576	93%
Searcy **	537	1,887	2,047	1,456	179	6,106	6,557	107%
Sebastian	9,740	31,353	23,289	14,051	1,902	80,335	64,969	81%
Sevier	1,349	4,100	3,240	2,067	260	11,016	7,126	65%
Sharp	1,124	3,726	4,571	3,872	405	13,698	11,637	85%
St. Francis	2,556	7,221	5,651	3,438	461	19,327	17,566	91%
Stone	683	2,773	3,093	2,073	241	8,863	7,922	89%
Union	3,843	12,403	9,684	7,045	1,037	34,012	26,390	78%
Van Buren	972	3,334	4,193	3,769	326	12,594	11,132	88%
Washington	21,147	43,725	29,930	15,194	1,880	111,876	79,349	71%
White	8,316	16,902	14,809	8,889	1,099	50,015	38,854	78%
Woodruff	768	2,233	1,808	1,444	194	6,447	5,180	80%
Yell	1,635	4,845	4,618	2,968	333	14,399	10,675	74%
TOTAL	251,473	708,288	572,048	381,342	44,499	1,935,648	1,563,796	81%

* U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20540. ** Registration % over 100% indicates probably under-estimated in U.S. Census Bureau release (2000 Census)

Age Demographics of All Arkansas Registered Voters

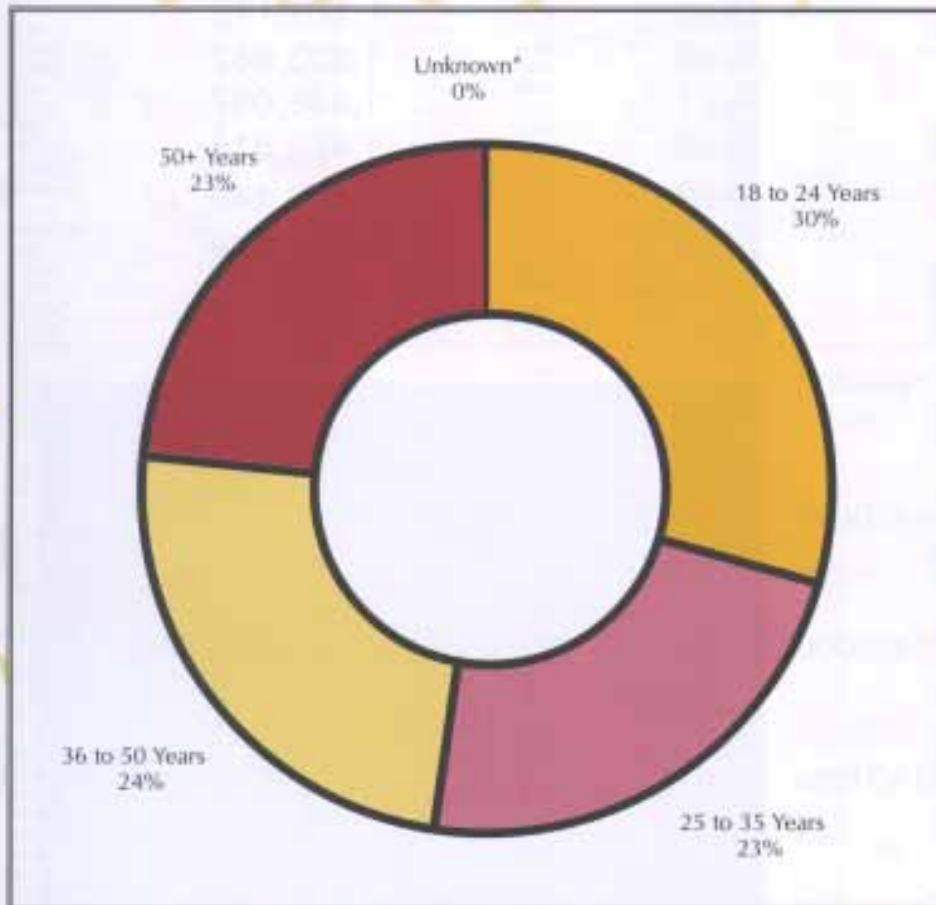
<u>AGEGROUPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
18 - 24 Years	98,553
25 - 35 Years	300,685
36 - 50 Years	464,710
50+ Years	698,984
Unknown*	864
TOTAL	1,563,796



* Due to irregular or null date of birth values in database.

Age Demographics of 2000 Registrants

<u>AGEGROUPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
18 to 24 Years	29,191
25 to 35 Years	22,556
36 to 50 Years	23,606
50+ Years	23,154
Unknown*	171
TOTAL	98,678



* Due to irregular or null date of birth values in database.

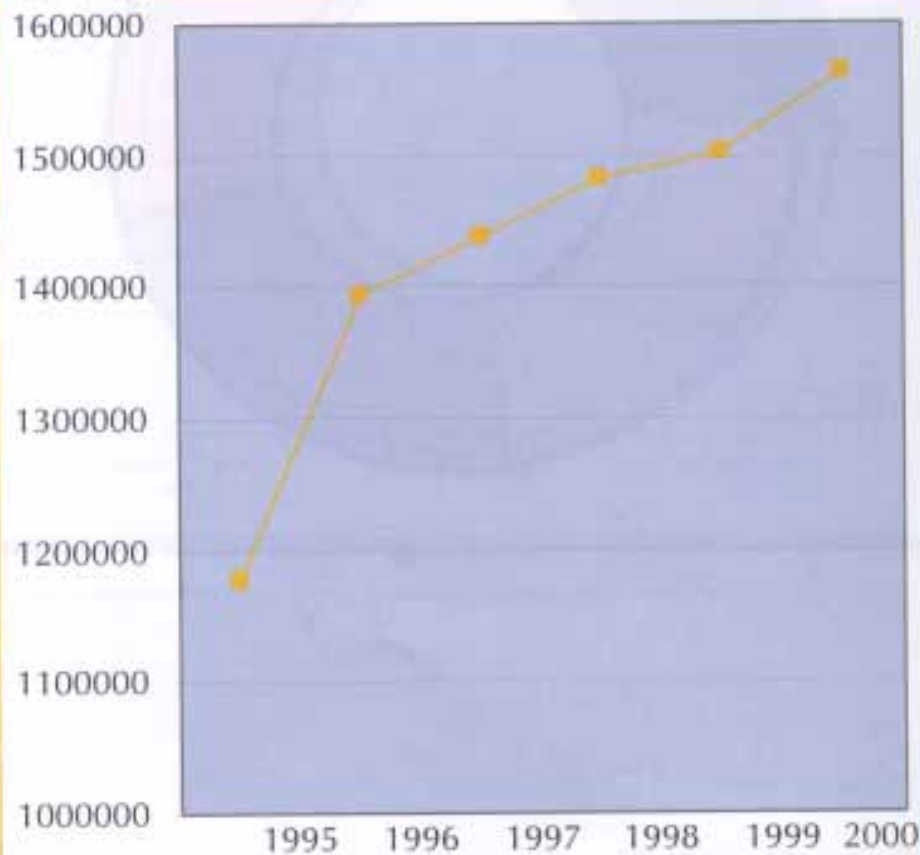
EN ARKANSAS, LA INSCRIPCIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES CRUZA LAS BARRERAS DEL LENGUAJE

**Voter registration in Arkansas crosses
language barriers.**

It matters to Arkansas that voter registration information is available to all our citizens. To meet the needs of Spanish speaking Americans in Arkansas, the SOS website offers voter registration applications in Spanish. The site also offers a complete booklet of voter registration instructions in Spanish. The online booklet is titled: **Inscribase para votar en su estado con esta tarjeta y con ayuda de esta guía.** (Translated: Register to vote in your state with this card and with the help of this guide)

Overall numbers of registered voters on the rise

1995	1,178,118
1996	1,393,662
1997	1,438,097
1998	1,482,811
1999	1,502,146
2000	1,563,796



Voter Registration by County

COUNTY	Registered Voters 12/31/95	Registered Voters 12/31/96	Registered Voters 12/31/97	Registered Voters 12/31/98	Registered Voters 12/31/99	Registered Voters 12/31/00	% Change 99-00	% Change 95- 00 (Since NVRA)
Adams	8,275	10,777	10,937	11,283	11,359	11,419	1%	32%
Adair	12,341	14,214	14,277	14,339	14,376	14,322	4%	16%
Becker	33,819	33,505	34,345	34,884	34,511	35,043	5%	39%
Benton	33,497	37,403	37,177	37,729	38,746	39,234	1%	48%
Boone	16,783	19,646	20,114	20,784	20,467	22,188	8%	32%
Bowling	5,849	6,348	6,482	6,488	6,503	6,674	3%	13%
Carlson	3,410	3,719	3,680	3,743	3,660	3,840	7%	12%
Carroll	10,435	12,449	12,825	13,437	13,322	13,796	4%	32%
Clallam	7,176	7,069	6,980	6,988	6,918	6,936	4%	16%
Clark	10,564	12,413	12,542	12,774	13,361	14,943	6%	37%
Clatsop	4,178	9,417	9,850	10,907	12,132	13,264	3%	26%
Clatsop	11,806	13,669	14,430	14,816	14,939	15,962	7%	35%
Columbia	4,164	4,726	4,942	5,008	4,939	5,134	5%	23%
Columbia	11,886	13,876	14,422	14,770	14,996	15,969	6%	36%
Cowlitz	10,049	12,224	12,334	12,912	12,205	12,839	5%	21%
Craighead	31,477	27,994	38,018	40,504	41,200	43,619	6%	36%
Crawford	20,481	23,294	24,032	25,196	25,706	27,644	7%	36%
Cummins	21,582	24,700	25,587	26,600	26,294	26,582	1%	23%
Curtis	8,211	9,729	9,859	10,369	10,338	10,634	3%	28%
Dallas	5,993	6,247	6,225	6,040	5,925	6,061	4%	2%
Danah	6,777	7,007	6,933	6,984	6,914	6,899	0%	32%
Davis	7,872	9,589	9,490	9,679	9,725	10,537	8%	31%
DeWitt	32,106	30,785	32,644	34,495	36,459	44,903	1%	40%
Franklin	7,960	8,969	8,820	8,480	8,583	8,708	3%	27%
Fulton	9,038	7,970	7,133	7,379	7,320	7,822	6%	31%
Gardner	44,001	54,586	56,330	58,832	58,222	62,969	8%	42%
Giles	7,129	8,307	8,339	8,905	8,916	9,348	5%	30%
Graham	9,383	10,815	10,660	10,467	10,725	12,188	7%	30%
Grant	10,442	12,015	12,334	12,426	12,120	12,544	4%	21%
Grant	14,307	16,576	16,661	16,214	17,258	18,362	6%	28%
Howard	5,343	6,967	7,046	7,221	7,187	7,420	3%	38%
Independence	18,343	18,023	17,284	16,271	16,475	18,820	7%	32%
Jones	6,757	7,887	7,852	8,143	7,923	8,944	7%	32%
Jordan	8,816	10,367	10,680	10,843	10,683	11,954	7%	26%
Jefferson	28,944	44,067	44,743	45,299	46,985	48,944	5%	28%
Johnson	8,331	7,648	8,294	11,424	11,858	12,527	6%	50%
Lafayette	4,878	5,324	5,336	5,461	5,432	5,521	2%	9%
Lamar	9,346	9,946	8,887	10,394	10,231	10,402	2%	32%
Lane	9,228	7,907	7,317	7,438	7,186	7,428	3%	18%
Linn	8,736	6,374	6,897	8,740	8,770	8,988	2%	32%
Linn	7,122	8,176	8,407	8,360	8,367	8,938	7%	26%
Linn	11,162	12,841	12,886	13,207	12,876	13,401	4%	21%
Linn	16,612	24,189	25,261	26,636	27,667	28,818	4%	47%
Madison	6,793	7,647	7,694	8,598	8,730	9,150	5%	35%
Marion	7,435	8,006	8,096	8,566	8,637	10,405	9%	41%
Marion	17,126	16,373	16,685	20,013	20,264	20,934	3%	32%
McClain	22,611	20,159	24,447	25,630	26,503	28,419	6%	32%
Monroe	4,897	5,807	6,723	5,872	5,777	6,901	4%	33%
Montgomery	4,816	5,813	6,839	5,911	5,484	5,821	6%	21%
Nebraska	5,220	5,876	6,136	6,142	6,074	6,248	3%	19%
Nebraska	5,113	5,880	6,879	8,085	8,193	8,478	5%	27%
Nebraska	10,682	16,823	18,304	19,944	20,549	20,718	2%	36%
Peru	5,597	6,241	6,304	6,546	6,357	6,762	7%	21%
Polk	13,000	15,791	16,701	17,194	17,340	18,017	10%	37%
Polk	5,000	5,864	5,926	6,306	6,106	6,294	3%	26%
Polk	10,730	12,856	12,765	13,000	12,870	13,530	5%	28%
Polk	6,605	10,516	10,678	11,311	11,266	11,855	5%	32%
Polk	22,472	20,664	20,257	20,624	20,807	21,819	4%	42%
Polk	5,019	5,486	5,564	5,884	5,928	5,818	0%	16%
Polk	171,440	209,126	214,373	217,490	221,563	228,517	3%	34%
Polk	7,694	8,623	8,263	8,840	8,675	10,369	6%	34%
Polk	25,932	44,118	45,517	47,203	47,266	50,854	8%	40%
Polk	7,005	7,585	7,831	7,844	7,481	7,576	1%	7%
Polk	4,881	5,681	5,880	6,150	6,165	6,567	6%	41%
Polk	48,188	54,274	57,126	62,381	63,228	64,968	3%	32%
Polk	6,083	6,736	6,741	6,903	6,830	7,128	4%	16%
Polk	9,156	10,440	11,032	11,210	10,870	11,637	7%	27%
Polk	13,196	15,936	16,863	16,865	16,774	17,366	5%	34%
Polk	6,383	7,165	7,347	7,607	7,408	7,822	5%	24%
Polk	21,613	24,286	24,388	25,003	24,836	26,390	6%	22%
Polk	8,790	10,026	10,222	10,534	10,428	11,132	7%	27%
Polk	52,126	70,086	72,963	74,304	77,487	78,349	2%	44%
Polk	26,231	32,251	34,121	34,304	37,300	38,894	4%	45%
Polk	4,417	4,816	4,853	4,830	4,783	5,180	8%	17%
Polk	9,007	10,239	10,241	10,837	10,490	10,875	3%	18%
Polk								
TOTALS	1,178,118	1,393,642	1,438,097	1,482,811	1,502,148	1,563,796	4%	33%

Negative percentage changes normally indicate progressive data cleanup and maintenance on the voter rolls.

Registration by Congressional Districts

First Congressional	
County	Registered/Voters 12/31/00
Arkansas	11,410
Clay	10,284
Cleburne	15,982
Craighead	43,610
Crittenden	26,582
Cross	10,834
Fulton	7,922
Greene	22,198
Independence	18,820
Izard	8,044
Jackson	11,054
Lawrence	10,402
Lee	7,428
Lonoke	28,818
Mississippi	26,410
Monroe	6,001
Phillips	19,017
Poinsett	13,536
Prairie	5,619
Randolph	10,268
St. Francis	17,566
Searcy	6,557
Sharp	11,637
Stone	7,922
Woodruff	5,180
TOTAL	364,101

Third Congressional	
County	Registered/Voters 12/31/00
Baxter	25,983
Benton	79,334
Boone	22,105
Carroll	13,798
Crawford	27,546
Franklin	9,709
Johnson	12,327
Logan	13,451
Madison	9,150
Marion	10,495
Newton	6,476
Polk	11,655
Pope	31,919
Scott	7,576
Sebastian	64,969
Washington	79,349
TOTAL	425,922

Second Congressional	
County	Registered/Voters 12/31/00
Conway	12,829
Faulkner	44,903
Perry	6,792
Pulaski	229,517
Saline	50,854
Van Buren	11,132
White	38,854
Yell	10,675
TOTAL	405,556

Fourth Congressional	
County	Registered/Voters 12/31/00
Ashley	14,522
Bradley	6,674
Calhoun	3,860
Chicot	8,308
Clark	14,043
Cleveland	5,134
Columbia	15,885
Dallas	6,061
Desha	8,959
Drew	10,537
Garland	62,559
Grant	9,349
Hempstead	12,640
Hot Spring	18,362
Howard	7,420
Jefferson	48,944
Lafayette	5,521
Lincoln	6,989
Little River	8,939
Miller	20,934
Montgomery	5,821
Nevada	6,248
Quachita	20,718
Pike	6,274
Sevier	7,126
Union	26,390
TOTAL	368,217

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

Albert Einstein

Registration Information

Registration Information		
<i>Total Voters Year End 2000</i>	1,563,796	80.79% of VAP
<i>Arkansas VAP (U.S. Census Internet Release 8/30/00)</i>	1,935,648	
<i>Total Voters Year End 1999</i>	1,502,146	
<i>Total Voters Cancelled 2000</i>	37,028	2.47%
<i>Total New Voters Added 2000</i>	98,678	4.10%
<i>Total Active Voters Year End 2000</i>	1,445,429	92.43%
<i>Total Inactive Voters Year End 2000</i>	104,090	6.66%
<i>Total Voters with Null or Irregular Status</i>	14,277	0.91%
<i>Year End Registration - Age Groups</i>		
18-24(1/1/76-12/31/82)	98,553	6.30%
24-36(1/1/65-12/31/75)	300,685	19.23%
36-50(1/1/50-12/31/64)	464,710	29.72%
50+ (DOB<12/31/49)	698,984	44.70%
DOB Null or Irregular	864	0.06%
<i>New Registrants 2000 - Age Groups</i>		
18-24	98,678	6.31%
24-36	29,191	29.58%
36-50	22,556	22.86%
50+	23,606	23.92%
DOB Null or Irregular	23,154	23.46%
	171	0.17%
<i>Party Affiliation Statewide</i>		
Democrat	54,084	3.46%
Republican	36,865	2.36%
None	17,219	1.10%
	1,509,712	96.54%
<i>Party Affiliation New Registrants</i>		
Democrat	7,185	7.28%
Republican	3,942	3.99%
None	3,243	3.29%
	91,493	92.72%

Party Affiliation Statistics

It is not legally required to identify party choice on voter registration records in Arkansas, but it is an option voters may choose. Only 3.46% of Arkansans selected party choice on their records.

NVRA Data 2000

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Total Applications Processed by County Clerks

	148,773	
New Registration Applications	98,666	66.32%
Address Change Applications	19,201	12.91%
Name Change Applications	4,434	2.98%
Party Change Applications	86	0.06%
Applications Placed in Pending	4,063	2.73%
Applications Processed as Duplicates	14,671	14.87%
Applications Declined	7,652	5.14%

Total Applications Processed by SOS Mail Room or Electronically from DMV

107,259 72.10%

Sources of All Applications Processed by County Clerks (State Agencies, etc.)

	148,773	
Disability Agencies	395	0.27%
Driver Services License Related	44,457	29.88%
Driver Services Non-License Related	4,595	3.09%
Mail-Ins to SOS Non-Agency	43,305	29.11%
Recruitment Offices	18	0.01%
National Guard	594	0.40%
Public Assistance Agencies	4,747	3.18%
Voter Registration Drives	10,157	6.83%
County Clerk Walk-Ins	37,412	25.15%
Public Libraries & Arkansas State Library	3,093	2.08%

Declinations

	819,704	
Disability Agencies	19,585	2.39%
Driver Services and Revenue	754,064	91.99%
Recruitment Offices	0	0.00%
National Guard	14	0.00%
Public Assistance Agencies	41,754	5.09%
Public Libraries & Arkansas State Library	4,287	0.52%

Election years traditionally reflect an increase in voter registration. The convenience of applying to register to vote, or just changing a name or address while renewing a driver's license or car tag, has proven to be successful. Though there have been problems nationally with this process, **it matters to Arkansas** that the electronic transmissions are successful. The Secretary of State and Driver Services are working together to find ways to make the electronic transmission process error free.

NVIA Agencies in Arkansas

Arkansas Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services
Arkansas Department of Education, School for the Blind
Arkansas Department of Education, School for the Deaf
Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission
Department of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Services
Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health
Department of Human Services, Division of Services for the Blind
Department of Human Services, Medicaid
Department of Human Services, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
Department of Human Services, Food Stamp Program
Department of Human Services, Children and Medical Services
Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services
Arkansas Department of Health, Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Arkansas State Library
Arkansas State Library, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Arkansas Public Libraries
Arkansas National Guard
Recruitment Offices of the Armed Forces of the United States
Department of Motor Vehicles
Department of Finance and Administration

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